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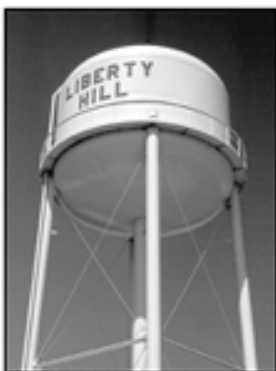
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Summer 1999 Issue



[Water for Texans](#)

Of the 4,500 community water systems in Texas, the vast majority have fewer than 3,000 customers. Now those rural systems are feeling increased pressures from encroaching urban populations and stressful weather conditions, such as drought. The TNRCC provides technical assistance to help these water systems address mounting problems.

Environmental Alliances

Texas is home to a growing number of public/private partnerships that strive to improve the quality of the environment. These collaborations underscore the importance of preserving clean air, water, and land. Natural Outlook features three such partnerships involving Koch Industries, H-E-B Grocery, and the city of Edinburg.



A Full Plate

The 76th legislative session approved initiatives that enhance the TNRCC's efforts to improve environmental quality and operate more efficiently. With major new programs and funding to expand existing programs, the TNRCC faces a growing workload the next two fiscal years.



Texas Water Foundation Enlivens Water Lessons

A nonprofit organization is working to familiarize Texans with the critical role that water plays in their lives. The year-old Texas Water Foundation co-sponsors educational programs to show students how Texas is planning for its future water needs, and it plans annual public education events for water users young and old.

To Harvest the Skies

Recent years of drought have found more Texas communities turning to a technique that's been around for decades – cloud seeding. The TNRCC is providing weather modification information and research for areas of the state that opt for this airborne method of encouraging clouds to stick around longer and produce more moisture. So far, the track record appears promising.

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